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SONORA MAN SENTENCED TO 50 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR IMPORTING HEROIN

TUCSON, ARIZ. –The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on February 16, 2005, Juan Carlos Ramos-Gonzalez, 36, of Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced to 50 months (4 years, 2 months) incarceration and 3 years of supervised release, by visiting United States District Judge Rodney Webb, in Tucson.

On August 6, 2004, Ramos-Gonzalez attempted to enter the United States on foot through the Morley pedestrian Port of Entry in Nogales, Arizona, and had the heroin hidden in the inner lining of the soles of both of his shoes. Ramos-Gonzalez had entered pleas of guilty, on November 24, 2004, to Importation of Heroin and Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin. The heroin was determined to weigh 898.2 grams.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, with assistance from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

The prosecution was handled by Melinda K. Mendes, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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